

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully provides the following remarks related to the claim amendments submitted above.

Claims 1-19 are un-amended from their form in U.S. Patent No. 6,283,131 as issued.


Claims 20-58 have been added by this Preliminary Amendment.

Claims 20-58 have been added to more comprehensively claim the subject invention. No new subject matter has been added by the claims, and the new claims are fully supported in the specification, as demonstrated in the Attached appendix entitled Status of Claims and Support for Claim Changes, as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(c). The support shown in the Appendix is by way of example only and Applicant makes no representation that the identified support is the only or best support for the claims. Other support than that specifically cited in the Appendix may be found in the specification, drawings, and original claims, as well.

Please enter the above amendments before consideration of this application. Applicant believes the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that Examiner pass the case to reissuance. Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to address any questions or concerns regarding the present reissue application.

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APPENDIX

STATUS OF CLAIMS AND SUPPORT FOR CLAIM CHANGES

Claims	Status	Support
1-19	Pending	Unamended
20	Pending	FIGS. 8-12, Col. 3, Line 46 through Col. 6, Line 3.
21	Pending	Col. 6, Lines 27-29.
22	Pending	Col. 4, Lines 31-35.
23	Pending	Col. 4, Lines 31-35.
24	Pending	Col. 5, Lines 20-24.
25	Pending	Col. 5, Line 61 through Col. 6, Line 22.
26	Pending	Col. 3, Lines 46-61; Col. 4, Line 62-66.
27	Pending	FIGS. 8-12; Col. 3, Line 46 through Col. 6, Line 3.
28	Pending	Col. 6, Lines 23-29.
29	Pending	Col. 5, Lines 42-50.
30	Pending	Col. 6, Lines 27-29.
31	Pending	Col. 5, Lines 20-24.
32	Pending	Col. 5, Line 61 through Col. 6, Line 22.
33	Pending	Col. 3, Lines 46-61; Col. 4, Line 62-66.
34	Pending	FIGS. 8-12; Col. 3, Line 46; Col. 6, Line 3.
35	Pending	Col. 3, Lines 46-61; Col. 4, Line 62-66 .
36	Pending	Col. 5, Lines 19-20.
37	Pending	Col. 5, Lines 20-24.
38	Pending	Col. 5, Line 61 through Col. 6, Line 29.
39	Pending	Col. 5, Line 61 through Col. 6, Line 22.
40	Pending	Col. 4, Lines 37-42.
41	Pending	Col. 4, Line 62 through Col. 5, Line 5.
42	Pending	Col. 6, Lines 27-29.
43	Pending	Col. 4, Lines 31-35.
44	Pending	Col. 4, Lines 31-35.
45	Pending	FIGS. 8-12, Col. 3, Line 46 through Col. 6, Line 3.
46	Pending	Col. 6, Lines 27-29.
47	Pending	Col. 5, Lines 20-24.
48	Pending	Col. 5, Line 61 through Col. 6, Line 22.
49	Pending	Col. 3, Lines 46-61; Col. 4, Line 62-66.
50	Pending	FIGS. 8-12; Col. 3, Line 46; Col. 6, Line 3.
51	Pending	Col. 3, Lines 46-61; Col. 4, Line 62-66 .
52	Pending	Col. 5, Lines 19-20.
53	Pending	Col. 5, Lines 20-24.
54	Pending	Col. 5, Line 61 through Col. 6, Line 29.
55	Pending	Col. 5, Line 61 through Col. 6, Line 22.
56	Pending	Col. 4, Lines 37-42.
57	Pending	Col. 4, Line 62 through Col. 5, Line 5.
58	Pending	Col. 6, Lines 27-29.